

NORCO COLLEGE

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 24, 2026 - 2:00 pm

ZOOM for non-voting members and OC*116 for voting members

Brian Johnson chaired the meeting.

Members Present:

Brian Johnson..... Math, Engineering, Comp. Sci & Game Development –
Curriculum Chair
Dr. Quinton Bemiller..... Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs
Nicole C. Brown..... Office of Academic Affairs
Nicholas Franco..... Articulation Officer
John Alpay..... Business and Management
Dr. Teresa Friedrich Finnern Natural Sciences, Health and Kinesiology
Dr. Jessica Dobson..... Communications, Humanities & Languages
Jeff Mulari Math, Engin. Comp. Science & Game Development
Vivian Harris..... Library
Dr. Melissa Wilson Social and Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Patricia Avila Counseling – Guidance Department
Paul VanHulle Applied Technologies and Apprenticeships

Members Absent:

Kim Kamerin Visual and Performing Arts
Dr. Mike Leese Human & Public Services
Dr. Courtney Doussett Dean of Instruction
Debra Karrer Dean of Instruction Office – IDC
Jared Noel Evangelista ASNC

Guest: Dr. Roger Perez, Dean of Instruction

- A. Minutes March 10, 2026. MSC: M/ V. Harris, S/ J. Mulari, 9-Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 abstain. Paul VanHulle voted via ZOOM from location 4939 Ficus Ct, Riverside, CA. Dr. Patricia Avila voted via ZOOM from location 29105 Hawthorn, Lake Elsinore, CA.
- B. Agenda March 24, 2026 MSC: M/ J. Alpay, S/ J. Dobson, 9-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain. Paul VanHulle voted via ZOOM from location 4939 Ficus Ct, Riverside, CA. Dr. Patricia Avila voted via ZOOM from location 29105 Hawthorn, Lake Elsinore, CA.
- C. Discussion Item:
1. Activity Courses: District Curriculum Committee is discussing the possibility of activity courses (2 hours in class to 1 hour outside of class ratio). The language in the PCAH and Title 5 allows for this. They would need to revise credit hour Board policy and check on articulation related questions. Assist.org does not have an activity category but Yosemite Community College District is phasing in an activity category and created a workaround for Assist. Tech Review would need to review the understanding of what constitutes an Activity course district-wide. Art classes might qualify.

Action Items:

D. Course Inclusion: **HOLD 3/10/26 CC mtg.**– These are at RCC and a department meeting is scheduled to decide to add them to Norco’s catalog.

1. ACC-40 Accounting for Managers
2. ACC-68 Taxation of Business Entities and Fiduciaries

E. Course Deletion:

1. WKX-201 General Work Experience *MNR Approved. MSC: M/ J. Dobson, S/ J. Alpay, 9-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain

F. Course Major Modification:

1. ANT-10 Forensic Anthropology *MNR Approved. MSC: M/ T. Friedrich Finnern, S/ J. Alpay, 9-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain
2. ENP-71 Solopreneurship *MNR Approved. MSC: M/ J. Alpay., S/ T. Friedrich Finnern, 9-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain
3. ENP-871 Solopreneurship *MNR Approved. MSC: M/ J. Alpay., S/ T. Friedrich Finnern, 9-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain
4. MATH-70A Foundations of Data Science *MNR Approved. MSC: M/ J. Mulari., S/ T. Friedrich Finnern, 9-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain

G. Norco College Information item:

1. Course Minor Modification:

- a) ARE-35 History of Architecture-Beginnings through Gothic *N
- b) ARE-36 History of Architecture: Renaissance to Modern *N
- c) ENP-50 Introduction to Entrepreneurship *MNR
- d) ENP-51 Entrepreneurship Basics *MNR
- e) ENP-52 Starting a Business with Limited Resources *MNR
- f) ENP-801 Facebook for Business *NR
- g) ENP-802 Pinterest and Instagram for Business *NR
- h) ENP-803 YouTube for Business *NR
- i) ENP-804 Twitter for Business *NR
- j) ENP-805 LinkedIn for Business *NR
- k) ENP-850 Introduction to Entrepreneurship *MNR
- l) ENP-851 Entrepreneurship Basics *MNR
- m) ENP-852 Starting a Business with Limited Resources *MNR

H. RCC and MVC Information Items:

1. Course Deletion:

- a) CIS-897A Windows Operating System and Internet Literacy *M
- b) CIS-897B Linux Operating System and Internet Literacy *M
- c) CIS-897C Mac Operating System and Internet Literacy *M

2. Course Exclusion:

- a) CIS-834 Historical Perspective: Napier to Torvalds *M
- b) CIS-835 Foundational Approach: Word Problems to Work Flow *M
- c) CIS-836 Computational Tools: Calculators to Spreadsheets *M
- d) CIS-837 Boolean Formulation: Logic to Relationships *M
- e) CIS-838 Pseudocode and Flowcharts: Descriptive to Visual *M
- f) CIS-839 Tools of the trade: IDE’s to Backup *M
- g) PDS-814 Closing Techniques That Win the Sale *M
- h) PDS-815 Winning Sales Scripts *M

i) POLS-20 Latin American Politics *R

3. Course Major Modification:

- a) CIS-70A Foundations of Data Science *MR
- b) MDA-100 Medical Assisting Externship *M
- c) MDA-58A Medical Transcription/Health Documentation *M

4. Course Minor Modification:

- a) ASL-22 American Deaf Culture *MR

5. New Course:

- a) NNA-880 Nursing Assistant Training Program (NATP) *R
- b) NNA-881 Certified Home Health Aide *R
- c) NNA-886 Acute Care Nurse Assistant *R
- d) PHO-24 Creative Drone Photography *R
- e) PHO-25 Drone Photography for Public Service *R
- f) PHO-30 Storytelling and Composition in Photography *R
- g) PHO-31 Photography Presentation and Gallery Prep *R
- h) PHO-32 Practical Visual Effects for Photography *R
- i) PHO-33 Food and Product Photography *R
- j) PHO-38 Creative Photography *R
- k) PHO-66 Self-Promotion For Photographers *R

6. Program Modification:

- a) SJS- Social Justice Studies: Chicano Studies *R
- b) SJS- Social Justice Studies: Ethnic Studies *R

7. New Program:

- a) MAG- Hospitality Management *R
- b) NNA- Non-Credit Acute Care Nursing Assistant *R
- c) NNA- Non-Credit Home Health Aide *R

8. Program Discontinuance:

- a) CIS- Coding Prep *M
- b) CIS- Operating Systems and Internet Literacy *M
- c) PDS- Sales Techniques *M

I. Open Forum:

1. Mulari – Math are trying to make a con-credit support course. Was there a solution for that as they are not allowed to have remedial non-credit math courses. Brian Johnson will as about it.
2. Brian Johnson has contacted all the departments that need to update their work experience courses by discipline. Nicole Brown sent out a detailed email 12/15/2025 on courses that have submitted a course modification through CurricQnet and those that have not.

3. We need to have an election for the new Curriculum Committee Chair. May 12th will be the date for nominations and May 26th will be the date for voting. If no one wants to take the position, Brian Johnson said he will do it again. The release time is 0.4 for each semester and every 3rd year the Norco CC Chair will have to serve as the District Curriculum Committee chair and get an additional 0.2 release time. The 27/28 academic year is when Norco will be the chair at District.

Adjourned: 2:25 pm

Next Meeting: March 24, 2025 *

2025	2026
09/09/25	JAN- No MTG.
09/23/25	02/24/26
10/14/25	03/10/26
10/28/25	03/24/26
11/13/25*	04/28/26
12/09/25	05/12/26
	05/26/26

Statement of Purpose

The curriculum committee, a sub-committee of the academic senate, has two primary purposes: to review and approve new curriculum including new courses, course modifications, new programs and program modifications, and to review and approve the curriculum approval process. The college curriculum committee is the sole approving body for Norco College only curriculum. For district shared curriculum it has one vote in the district curriculum committee. The curriculum committee is also responsible for keeping abreast with state mandated curriculum changes and reporting those changes to faculty. Committee members report on curriculum at their department meetings and solicit suggestions and recommendations when needed.